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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 9 and 18 without prejudice.

1. (Currently Amended) A guide mechanism for a movable cover of a movable vehicle-roof in a vehicle, comprising

at least one slotted guide coupled to the cover and movable between a raised position, an initial position, and a lowered position, wherein said at least one slotted guide causes the cover to move vertically, the said at least one slotted guide having a first locking portion; and

at least one profiled rail that ~~shifts-guides~~ said at least one the slotted guide horizontally together with the cover along the said at least one profiled rail, the said at least one profiled rail having a second locking portion,

wherein the first and second locking portions directly engage with each other to lock the said at least one slotted guide with the said at least one profiled rail with a positive fit when the said at least one slotted guide is in the raised position and in the initial position to prevent horizontal displacement of the said at least one slotted guide.

2. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second locking portions engage with each other to lock the said at least one slotted guide with the said at least one profiled rail with a positive fit when the said at least one slotted guide is in the initial position to prevent horizontal displacement of the said at least one slotted guide.

3. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second locking portions disengage to move the said at least one slotted guide out of locking engagement with the said at least one profiled rail when the said at least one slotted guide is in the lowered position.

4. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second locking portions are the sole structures in the guide mechanism for forming a locking engagement between the said at least one slotted guide and the said at least one profiled

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rail in the raised position to prevent horizontal rearward displacement of ~~the~~ said at least one slotted guide.

5. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first locking portion comprises at least one extension on ~~the~~ said at least one slotted guide and the second locking portion comprises at least one recess in ~~the~~ said at least one profiled rail, wherein ~~the~~ said at least one extension and said at least one recess engage in locking engagement to prevent horizontal displacement of ~~the~~ said at least one slotted guide.

6. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a pivot bearing disposed at a front end of ~~the~~ said at least one slotted guide and wherein the extension is provided close to the front end.

7. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 5, wherein the said at least one profiled rail has a C-shaped profile with upper converging webs, wherein at least one of said upper converging webs ~~web~~ has said at least one recess.

8. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 5, wherein the extension ~~enters~~ extends below the recess when ~~the~~ said at least one slotted guide is in the lowered position, and wherein ~~the~~ said at least one profiled rail prevents the extension from rising vertically after ~~the~~ said at least one slotted guide is displaced horizontally when in the lowered position.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a drain gutter disposed at a rear edge of the cover, wherein the drain gutter extends generally transversely with respect to said at least one profiled rail ~~the vehicle~~; and

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a bearing part connected to the drain gutter and adapted to be shifted along the ~~said at least one~~ profiled rail,

wherein the bearing part and the drain gutter are ~~decoupled~~ spaced apart from the ~~said at least one~~ slotted guide in the horizontal direction in the raised position.

11. (Currently Amended) A guide mechanism for a movable cover of a roof in a vehicle, comprising

at least one slotted guide coupled to the cover and movable between a raised position, an initial position, and a lowered position, wherein said at least one slotted guide causes the cover to move vertically, said at least one slotted guide having a first locking portion;

at least one profiled rail that guides said at least one slotted guide horizontally together with the cover along said at least one profiled rail, said at least one profiled rail having a second locking portion,

wherein the first and second locking portions engage with each other to lock said at least one slotted guide with said at least one profiled rail when said at least one slotted guide is in the raised position to prevent horizontal displacement of said at least one slotted guide;

a drain gutter disposed at a rear edge of the cover, wherein the drain gutter extends generally transversely with respect to said at least one profiled rail; and

a bearing part connected to the drain gutter and adapted to be shifted along said at least one profiled rail. The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 10, wherein, in the initial position and in the lowered position, the said at least one slotted guide engages the bearing part and is positively coupled thereto in the horizontal direction,

and wherein the bearing part and the drain gutter are spaced apart from said at least one slotted guide in the horizontal direction in the raised position.

12. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a nose molded to a rear edge of said at least one slotted guide, wherein the nose engages a recess in the bearing part.

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13. (Currently Amended) A guide mechanism for a movable cover of a movable vehicle-roof in a vehicle, comprising

at least one slotted guide coupled to the cover and movable between a raised position, an initial position, and a lowered position, wherein said at least one slotted guide causes the cover to move vertically, ~~the said at least one~~ slotted guide having a first locking portion;

at least one profiled rail that ~~shifts-guides the said at least one~~ slotted guide horizontally together with the cover along ~~the said at least one~~ profiled rail, ~~the said at least one~~ profiled rail having a second locking portion,

wherein the first and second locking portions engage with each other to lock the slotted guide with ~~the said at least one~~ profiled rail with a positive fit when ~~the said at least one~~ slotted guide is in the raised position and in the initial position to prevent horizontal displacement of the said at least one slotted guide, and wherein the first and second locking portions disengage to move ~~the said at least one~~ slotted guide out of locking engagement with ~~the said at least one~~ profiled rail when ~~the said at least one~~ slotted guide is in the lowered position;

a drain gutter disposed at a rear edge of the cover, wherein the drain gutter extends generally transversely with respect to ~~the vehicle~~ said at least one profiled rail; and

a bearing part connected to the drain gutter and adapted to be shifted along ~~the said at least one~~ profiled rail, wherein the bearing part and the drain gutter are spaced apart ~~decoupled~~ from ~~the said at least one~~ slotted guide in the horizontal direction in the raised position.

14. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first and second locking portions are the sole structures in the guide mechanism for forming a locking engagement between ~~the said at least one~~ slotted guide and ~~the said at least one~~ profiled rail in the raised position to prevent horizontal rearward displacement of ~~the said at least one~~ slotted guide.

15. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first locking portion comprises at least one extension on ~~the said at least one~~ slotted guide and the second locking portion comprises at least one recess in ~~the said at least one~~ profiled rail, wherein

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the extension and recess engage in locking engagement to prevent horizontal displacement of the said at least one slotted guide.

16. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a pivot bearing disposed at a front end of the said at least one slotted guide, ~~has a pivot bearing and~~ wherein the extension is provided close to the front end.

17. (Currently Amended) The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 15, wherein the extension ~~enters~~ extends below the recess when the said at least one slotted guide is in the lowered position, and wherein said at least one the profiled rail prevents the extension from rising vertically after the said at least one slotted guide is displaced horizontally when in the lowered position.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) A guide mechanism for a movable cover of a roof in a vehicle, comprising:

at least one slotted guide coupled to the cover and movable between a raised position, an initial position, and a lowered position, wherein said at least one slotted guide causes the cover to move vertically, said at least one slotted guide having a first locking portion;

at least one profiled rail that guides the slotted guide horizontally together with the cover along said at least one profiled rail, said at least one profiled rail having a second locking portion,

wherein the first and second locking portions engage with each other to lock the slotted guide with said at least one profiled rail with a positive fit when said at least one slotted guide is in the raised position and in the initial position to prevent horizontal displacement of said at least one slotted guide, and wherein the first and second locking portions disengage to move said at least one slotted guide out of locking engagement with said at least one profiled rail when said at least one slotted guide is in the lowered position;

a drain gutter disposed at a rear edge of the cover, wherein the drain gutter extends transversely with respect to the vehicle;

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a bearing part connected to the drain gutter and adapted to be shifted along said at least one profiled rail, wherein the bearing part and the drain gutter are spaced apart from said at least one slotted guide in the horizontal direction in the raised position; and  
~~The guide mechanism as claimed in claim 13, further comprising~~

a nose molded to a rear edge of the said at least one slotted guide, wherein, in the initial position and in the lowered position, the nose engages the bearing part to positively couple the said at least one slotted guide and the bearing part in the horizontal direction.

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) A guide mechanism for a movable cover of a roof in a vehicle, comprising at least one slotted guide coupled to the cover and movable between a raised position, an initial position, and a lowered position, wherein said at least one slotted guide causes the cover to move vertically, said at least one slotted guide having laterally projecting extensions on opposite sides thereof defining first locking portions; and

at least one profiled rail that guides said at least one slotted guide horizontally together with the cover along said at least one profiled rail, said at least one profiled rail having at least one pair of recesses defining second locking portions,

wherein on each side of said at least one slotted guide, a pair of the first and second locking portions engage with each other to lock said at least one slotted guide with said at least one profiled rail when said at least one slotted guide is in the raised position and in the initial position to prevent horizontal displacement of said at least one slotted guide.

21. (New) A guide mechanism for a movable cover of a roof in a vehicle, comprising at least one slotted guide coupled to the cover and movable between a raised position, an initial position, and a lowered position, wherein said at least one slotted guide causes the cover to move vertically, said at least one slotted guide having a first locking portion; and

at least one profiled rail that guides said at least one slotted guide horizontally together with the cover along said at least one profiled rail, said at least one profiled rail having a second locking portion,

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wherein the first and second locking portions engage with each other to lock said at least one slotted guide with said at least one profiled rail when said at least one slotted guide is in the raised position to prevent horizontal displacement of said at least one slotted guide,

and wherein the first and second locking portions disengage to move said at least one slotted guide out of locking engagement with said at least one profiled rail when said at least one slotted guide is in the lowered position.